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1. United States Patent No. 4,071,718, issued January 31, 1978.
2. European Patent Publication No. 0 801 517, published October 15, 1997.
3. European Patent Publication No. 0 444 914, published September 4, 1991.
4. United States Patent No. 4,323,740, issued April 6, 1982.
5. United States Patent No. 4,163,138, issued July 31, 1997.
6. European Patent Publication No. 1 035 557, published September 13, 2000.
7. United States Patent No. 4,349,708, issued September 14, 1982.
8. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2001/006413, published July 5, 2001.
9. Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-331329, published November 30, 1999, previously submitted in the August 6, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement.

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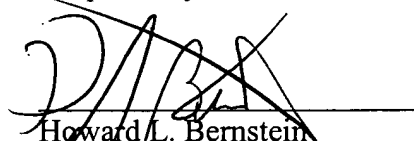
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